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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/501,643
Filing Date	February 10, 2000
First Named Inventor	SKLAR, et al.
Group Art Unit	1641
Examiner Name	GABEL, G..
Attorney Docket Number	UNME-0070-1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 10-0233-UNME-0070-1
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Mark J. Gutttag	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,057
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In re Patent Application of:

SKLAR *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/501,643

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For: FLOW CYTOMETRY FOR HIGH
THROUGHPUT SCREENING



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) Examiner: Gabel, G.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2001, the period of response to which is set to expire on May 13, 2002, due to filing a Notice of Appeal on December 13, 2001, and a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for three-months extension of time concurrently with the present Amendment. Please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below (A redlined version of each of the amended claims accompanies the present Amendment):

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please also cancel claims 28-45 without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention.